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THE CANADIAN NORTHERN PACIFIC.

A New Transcontinental line —Railway Development from East to West.

Canada's railway development has been along lines running east and west. First we had the old Great Western and Grand Trunk running from the east to the Detroit river, which in our early years of railway building was practically the western limit of the country. During the period when the Great Western and Grand Trunk formed our only trunk lines, the line of settlement did not extend more than from fifty to one hundred miles north of the St. Lawrence and the great lakes. The next trunk line was the C.P.R. running from Montreal to Vancouver. This carried the line of settlement from fifty to one hundred miles further north, and traversed an entirely new country from the great lakes to the Pacific. The fringe of territory traversed by the C.P.R. is now fairly well settled. A paying business has been created all along the line. The C.P.R. has proved a profitable and successful enterprise, and that too, within a short period. The time has arrived, or soon will be at hand, when another advance to the north can profitably be taken. This time we will take a jump northward of a couple of hundred miles. The objective points of the next transcontinental line will probably be Quebec or Chicoutimi on the Atlantic, and Port Simpson on the Pacific. Such a line would touch James Bay and keep to the north of Lake Winnipeg and Edmonton. We have no doubt the construction of Canada's Northern Pacific will become a practical issue within ten years' time. There are sufficient natural resources to warrant the construction, of the suggested line, while the route will have several substantial geographical advantages. In regard to the natural

resources that will be opened up, we may mention the timber areas of northern Quebec and the country to the south of Hudson's Bay, the excellent agricultural areas of the Peace River district, the mineral wealth of northern British Columbia, together with the fisheries of Hudson's Bay and the large lakes and rivers of western Canada. LeSoleil of Quebec furnishes some interesting statistics about the route, which it refers to as Canada's future transcontinental line. The distance from Chicoutimi to Port Simpson is placed at 2,705, as against 3,073 miles from Quebec to Vancouver. The whole of the territory traversed by the proposed route has been pretty thoroughly explored, with the exception of the district between Moose Factory and a point north of Edmonton. There are no physical difficulties in the building of the proposed line, while the climatic conditions are in certain respects, more favorable than those characteristic of the C.P.R. Observations taken during the winter of 1898-99 show that the country to the north of the Cariboo mountains has a winter climate with a mean temperature considerably higher than Winnipeg. Canada could with more confidence, and certainly begin the construction of a new transcontinental line 200 miles to the north of the C.P.R. than it exhibited when it undertook the building of the latter twenty years ago.—Toronto World.

The New Rifle Clubs.

Ottawa, March 29.—The Militia Department has arranged to classify rifle clubs who apply for rifles and ammunition from the Government into two classes. The first of these will consist of regularly enlisted members of the militia, and each member will receive 200 rounds of ammunition per season. The other class will consist of clubs with private members, and these will get 100 rounds of ammunition per man. The private clubs will be placed under military control, and the members will be sworn in for three years' service. Four hundred applications for rifles and ammunition have been filed at the department. The ammunition which the Government supplies costs \$20 per thousand.

TAKING OF THE CENSUS.

A List of the Questions You Will be Required to Answer

The census enumerators have commenced work and will most probably call upon you in the next couple of weeks. The date selected for recording the population is the same as the date fixed by the Imperial Parliament for taken the census of Great Britain, being Sunday, March 31. The decisive hour of reckoning is made 12 o'clock on the night of 31st of March, so that every one born before that hour and every one dying after it are to be counted in the population.

The heads of families, households and institutions are required to furnish the enumerator with all particulars regarding every person in the family, household or institution, as called for in the schedules. Where people are temporarily away from home the enumerator will leave a blank form and it is absolutely necessary for this form to be filled in when the enumerator calls again. The census act provides that any person, who, without lawful excuse, refuses to answer, or who wilfully answers falsely any question requisite for obtaining any information in respect to the census, asked of him by any enumerator shall for every refusal or neglect or wilfully false answer, shall incur a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars and not less than five dollars.

To assist the enumerator and to save time it is desirable that every head of family look up ages of children, date of birth, etc. Also any other information that may be required in the following schedules:

- SCHEDULE NO. 1.—POPULATION.
 1. Dwelling house.
 2. Family or household.
 3. Name of each person in family or household on 31st March, 1901.
 4. Sex.
 5. Colour.
 6. Relationship to head of family or household.
 7. Single, married, widowed or divorced.
 8. Month and date of birth.
 9. Year of birth.
 10. Age at last birthday.
 11. Country or place of birth.
 12. Year of immigration to Canada.
 13. Year of naturalization.
 14. Racial or tribal origin.
 15. Nationality.
 16. Religion.
 17. Profession, occupation, trade or means of living at each census.

flax, tobacco, hops, grass seed, clover seed.

SCHEDULE NO. 6.—AGRICULTURE, LIVE STOCK AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS.

Totals of live stock, pure bred animals: killed or sold for slaughter or export: animal products.

SCHEDULE NO. 7.—AGRICULTURAL VALUES, OTHER REAL ESTATE VALUES.

Farm values, (real estate, live stock and crops); values of animal products for home consumption and sale; values of all real estate and farms, manufacturing establishments or mines.

SCHEDULE NO. 8.—MANUFACTURING

This is a special form for each establishment. To be recognized as a manufacturing establishment at least five hands must be employed.

SCHEDULE NO. 9.—PRODUCTS OF THE FOREST.

Timber, square, waney or flat; logs for lumber, etc.

SCHEDULE NO. 10.—FISHERIES.

This schedule has been withdrawn and a special officer will gather the required statistics.

SCHEDULE NO. 11.—MINING.

This is a special form. All products will be entered by quantities and spot values, that is value at place of production.

CANADIAN ROUTES TAKE GRAIN

U. S. Grain Shipping Firms Anticipate That Much More Grain Will go via Canadian Channels This Year.

Cleveland, March 27.—Representatives of grain-shipping firms in Chicago were in this city yesterday looking after tonnage for the first cargoes of the season, and also making arrangements for the season's business. From what they assert it is evident that a great deal of the grain from the Northwest is to be diverted from its former course, and will be shipped via Georgian Bay and Montreal. The new route will be through the Georgian Bay, and over the Parry Sound railroad to Montreal, which port already shows increase in its export grain shipments. This plan will make inroads upon the Buffalo business, and necessarily upon New York trade. When the elevators at both Port Colborne and Montreal have been established the additional movement through Montreal will be much greater.

SAILING OF THE MONTFORD.

Canadian Force Embarked Yesterday and the Vessel Is at Anchor.

Halifax, March 26.—The Canadian contingent of constables for South Africa embarked on the steamer Montford yesterday. The steamer left her dock sharp at 4 o'clock and anchored down the harbor. Thousands of people came out to see her off.

MR. BRENT AND THE ASH RAPIDS CO.

An Interesting Letter Published in the Detroit Journal.

We have during the past three months received letters of enquiry almost daily regarding the Ash Rapids Gold Mining Co., and believe that the following letter published in the Detroit Journal of March 20th 1901, will prove of interest:

Editor The Journal.—It has come to my knowledge that a large amount of stock in a corporation calling itself the Ash Rapids Gold Mining Co. has been disposed of in your city. This concern has published flamboyant advertisements in your city papers for several months, as well as in the leading newspapers of the principal cities in the United States. In some of these advertisements my name has appeared as mining superintendent of this company.

I may say that I had some correspondence with E.T. LeClair during the past winter on the subject of the Boulder mine, which is the "principal property," to quote from the prospectus of the Ash Rapids company.

Towards the last of February, I received a letter from Mr. LeClair instructing me to secure a crew of men, tools and provisions and proceed to reopen the Boulder mine.

Since the Boulder Mining Co., the former owner of the Boulder mine, had shut the mine down more than a year ago, leaving their creditors to wait several months for their pay (myself among others), they had no credit among the merchants of Rat Portage. I therefore took Mr. LeClair's letter to A. McEwen, the solicitor of the company, and requested him to draw on the company, which I understood had reorganized as the Ash Rapids Co., for \$2,500 for preliminary expenses. This he did, and while I was waiting for the draft I came into possession (quite accidentally) of the prospectus of the company. I at once wrote the following letter to Mr. LeClair:

Rat Portage, Ont., March 1, 1901.
E. T. LeClair, Esq., President, Ash Rapids Gold Mining Co., Minneapolis.

Dear Sir: There came into my possession yesterday a prospectus issued by your company which for deliberate misrepresentation surpasses anything I have ever seen. You have used my name without my knowledge or consent, and have used the name of the Ash Rapids Co. to secure subscriptions to allow my name to be used in connection with a company which is daily selling stock by exaggerating its resources and misrepresenting its properties.

I have just returned from the annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining Engineers, in Montreal, where I met with a good deal of criticism from fellow members for allowing my name to be associated with such a company. I was able to "square" myself with the Canadian profession, by showing copies of the letters I had written to LeClair and to the Rat Portage Miner, and I am asking you, Mr. Editor, to insert this letter in order that I may "square" myself with the public of your city and state, among whom I have a good many friends who may be induced by my apparent indorsement of the Ash Rapids Company to invest their money in this enterprise.

I am slated as mining superintendent of this company, and many kind references are made in the prospectus as to my standing as a mining expert, and I therefore may be expected to know something about the properties I am presumed to superintend. I shall therefore offer a plain statement of fact as to the resources of the Ash Rapids Company, quoting from newspaper advertisements and from their prospectus.

"Three Great Mines." This is a part of the heading of the advertisement in the last issue of one of your Sunday papers.

The properties owned by the Ash Rapids Company are the "Boulder," the "Ash Rapids" and the "Sturgeon Lake." The facts as to the "Boulder" are as follows: There is a shaft 30 feet deep, there are no "50-foot drifts" made at each 75-foot level, there are two drifts at the 100-foot level and no others.

"At the 200-foot level the vein had widened to 22 feet and assays made from ore taken at intervals of four inches across the entire vein averaged \$28 per ton."

There is neither vein nor gold at this level.

"At the 300-foot level the vein is over 60 feet in width and carries values across the entire surface."

There is neither vein nor gold at this level.

A number of equally wild statements followed which reach their culmination in these sentences:

"From development work already accomplished we know that there is more ore in the Boulder property than we will be able to mine in the next 500 years." "There are thousands of tons of ore on the dump and all that is needed to make this property an immediate producer is a stamp mill." "This mill will be only a starter. We have enough ore in sight to keep 1,000 stamps busy constantly for the next

C. E. NEADS, PRESIDENT.

Elected at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trade Last Night.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade drew out a large attendance of members last night, in fact the Board rooms proved too small to accommodate those present in comfort. The report of the delegates, Messrs. Geo. Drewry, D. C. Cameron, Geo. A. Graham, W. A. Weir and J. Dean who interviewed the provincial and Dominion governments, was read and the thanks of the meeting tendered to the gentlemen who at their own expense represented the board.

The joint report of the president and the secretary, giving a review of the work during the year was received and read.

The election of officers for the present year resulted as follows:

President—C. E. Neads.
Vice President—Jacob Hosc.
Members of the Council—Messrs. Geo. Drewry, Wm. Margach, D. C. Cameron, F. Gardner, W. A. Weir, Jno. Dean, J. E. Rice, and M. Kyle.

Rat Portage, March, 1901.
To the presidents and members Board of Trade of the District of Rainy River:

The undersigned delegates recently deputed by you to interview the federal and provincial ministers on matters of interest pertaining to the district, beg to report as follows: We arrived in Toronto on the 25th of February, and on the evening of that day had an interview with Mr. Margach, crown timber agent, and discussed the matters which were to be brought before the government of the province. Next morning we met Mr. Connors by appointment; he was most zealous in arranging interviews for us with different members of the cabinet, accompanied us in all our interviews, and assisted us in every way he could. We first interviewed the Hon. Mr. Latchford, minister of public works, and discussed very fully with him the question of storage dams and the building of an iron bridge where the present floating bridge is. As we found that an appropriation of \$1,000 had been made for roads, we had decided not to take up that matter, but to devote ourselves more to securing substantial aid toward building the bridge. In regard to the storage dams, we could get no definite statement from Mr. Latchford, but the building of such is being considered, and he was insisting on raising the crew,

Boom in Sturgeon Bay

THE undersigned solicits your consignments, and guarantees highest market prices. Remittance sent same day goods arrive.
W. M. HANKE COMPANY,
10 North Moore Street,
New York, U.S.A.
References—People's Bank, American Nat. & Trust Co., Bankers and Merchants, J. G. Linn & Co., Linn, Cook and Tinsley, Hooper & Company, all of New York.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.



Pacific. Such a line would touch James Bay and keep to the north of Lake Winnipeg and Edmonton. We have no doubt the construction of Canadian Northern Pacific will become a practical issue within ten years' time. There are sufficient natural resources to warrant the construction of the suggested line, while the route will have several substantial geographical advantages. In regard to the natural

Boom in Sturgeon Row

The undersigned solicits your consignments, and guarantees highest market prices. Remittance sent same day gold arrives.

W.M. HAAKER COMPANY,
9 North Moore Street,
New York, U.S.A.
References: People's Bank, American Nat. & Truist Co., Farmers and Merchants, U.S. Bank & Co., Branch, Cook and Vanplank, Hooper & Company, all of New York.

HERMAN LEVY

65 Nassau St., New York.
(Tremont Building)
—IMPORTER OF—

Carbons for Diamond Drills
And All Mechanical Purposes

For Sale

One 8-hole
Second-hand
Hotel Range
in Good
Order

Jacob Hose

Hardware and House Furnisher,
Cor. Main and Second Streets.

Jas. Cooper Mfg. Co.

INGERSOLL - SERGEANT (LIMITED).

For Tunnels, Mines, ROCK DRILLS
and Quarries

AIR COMPRESSORS

Hoisting Engines, Boilers, Pumps, Crushers, Rolls.

HEAD OFFICE, MONTREAL.

RICHARD HALL, Agent, - RAT PORTAGE, ONT.

Warehouse at Rat Portage.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.



INCORPORATED 1670.

House
Furnishings

Nottingham Lace Curtains
Dainty patterns in various designs
2 1/2 yards long at \$0.90, 5 1/2 pair; 3 yds
long at \$0.90, \$1 pair; 3 1/2 yds long at
\$1.25, \$1.75 to \$3.50 per pair.

Swiss Net Curtains
In a variety of very handsome pat-
terns, white or cream, 3 1/2 yards long
at \$4.50, \$5, \$6, and \$8.50 per pair.

Carpets
Our stock of carpets is large and
complete in, Brussels at \$0.80, \$1.10,
\$1.25 per yard; Velvets at \$1.25, \$1.35,
\$1.50 per yard; Ingrains at \$5, \$5.50,
\$6 per yard.

Tapestry Curtains
Handsome Tapestry Curtains at
2 1/2, 3 1/2, 4.50 up to \$13.50 per pair.

New Art Denims.
A beautiful assortment of Art Den-
ims in very pretty designs at 35c, 50c
per yard.

Hudson Bay Stores

RAT PORTAGE.

tion that may be required in the fol-
lowing schedules:

SCHEDULE NO. 1. POPULATION.

1. Dwelling house.
2. Family or household.
3. Name of each person in family or household on 31st March 1901.
4. Sex.
5. Colour.
6. Relationship to head of family or household.
7. Single, married, widowed or divorced.
8. Month and date of birth.
9. Year of birth.
10. Age at last birthday.
11. Country or place of birth.
12. Year of immigration to Canada.
13. Year of naturalization.
14. Racial or tribal origin.
15. Nationality.
16. Religion.
17. Profession, occupation, trade or means of living of each person.
18. Living on own means.
19. Employer.
20. Employee.
21. Working on own account.
22. Working at trade in factory or in home.
23. Months employed at trade in factory.
24. Months employed at trade in home.
25. Months employed in other occupation than trade in factory or home.
26. Earnings from occupation or trade.
27. Extra earnings.
28. Months at school in year.
29. Can read.
30. Can write.
31. Can speak English.
32. Can speak French.
33. Mother tongue.
34. Infirmities.

SCHEDULE NO. 2. BUILDINGS AND LANDS, CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS.

Place of habitation, houses, institu-
tion, real estate owned, real estate
leased or otherwise held, church or
place of worship, Sunday school, pub-
lic school.

SCHEDULE NO. 3. MORTALITY.

The following information is required
of every family, in reference to
death of any member during the year:
Name of deceased; sex; color; single,
married, widowed or divorced; month
of birth; year of birth; age at last
birthday; country or place of birth;
racial or tribal origin; religion; profes-
sion, occupation or trade; month of
death; disease, or cause of death;
name of attending physician; physi-
cian's statement of cause of death.

SCHEDULE NO. 4. AGRICULTURE, FARM- LAND, FRUITS AND PLANTATIONS.

Areas of farmland, apple trees,
peach trees, pear trees, plum trees,
cherry trees, other fruit trees, grape
vines, plantations of forests and orna-
mental trees.

SCHEDULE NO. 5. AGRICULTURE, FIELD PRODUCTS.

Spring wheat, fall wheat, barley,
oats, rye, corn in ear, buckwheat,
pease, beans, mixed grain, hay; forage
crops, cow-pease, rape, corn, sorghum,
millet, etc.; potatoes, other field roots.

SAILING OF THE MONTFORD.

Canadian Force Embarked Yesterday and
the Vessel is at Anchor.

Halifax, March 29. The Canadian
contingent of constables for South Af-
rica embarked on the steamer Mont-
ford yesterday. The steamer left her
dock shipyard at 1 o'clock and anchored
down the harbor. Thousands of peo-
ple were on the pier and docks in the
vicinity at the hour of departure, and
some affecting scenes were witnessed
as the lines were being cast off. The
troopers lined the big steamer's deck
from stern to stern, and they were
giving an enthusiastic send-off as the
steamer moved slowly away from her
pier. The Montford will not get away
before this evening, and probably not
until to-morrow morning.

Fired at the Czar.

London, March 31.—A dispatch from
Kieff says that an officer of the house-
hold regiment attempted to assassinate the Czar.
He fired a shot at him, but missed.
He then killed himself.

London, March 31.—A St. Peters-
burg correspondent telegraphs: "The
revolutionary committee, composed of
seventy-two members, was arrested
after a desperate defence, the revolution-
ists firing at the police. Two
secret revolutionary printing presses
were seized in connection with the
arrest. Altogether 3,000 arrests have
been made. It is reported that some
of the ministers now wear steel cor-
saces. It is reported that severe riots
occurred during the last few days at
Kieff, but were quelled by the military
authorities.

..Mines..

AND

Mining Stocks

BOUGHT AND
SOLD ON
COMMISSION.

S. S. Cummins

MINING BROKER,

Rat Portage - - Ontario

newly discovered gold. The con-
tinued work will be through the
Georgian Bay, and over the Parry
Sound railroad to Montreal, which
port already shows increase in its ex-
port grain shipments. This plan will
make inroads upon the Buffalo busi-
ness, and necessarily upon New York
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been established the additional move-
ment through Montreal will be much
greater.

Rat Portage, Ont., March 1, 1901.
E. T. LeClair, Esq., President Ash
Rapids Gold Mining Co., Minne-
apolis:

Dear Sir: There came into my pos-
session yesterday a prospectus issued
by your company which for deliberate
misrepresentation surpasses anything
I have ever seen. You have used my
name without my knowledge or con-
sent, and have quoted me as having made
statements I never made. I have
never seen or reported on the "Ash
Rapids" property and I must ask you
to remove my name at once from your
prospectus or the result will be trouble.
I decline to have anything to do with
your company in any capacity what-
ever, and I shall take steps to have
this letter published in every paper
that has published your advertise-
ments. Yours sincerely,

CHARLES BRENT.

The same day I published the fol-
lowing letter in the Rat Portage MIRROR:

Rat Portage, Ont., March 1, 1901.
To the Editor of The Mirror:

Dear Sir,—There has come into my
possession by accident the prospectus
of a corporation calling itself, the
"Ash Rapids Gold Mining Co." In
this prospectus my name (misspelled)
appears as mining engineer to the
company, and a quotation is made
from a report alleged to have been
made by me on the "Ash Rapids"
claim, one of the properties owned by
this company. I desire to state:

First, That I am not responsible for
any of the statements made in this
prospectus.

Second, That I never saw or reported
on the property in question.

Third, That the use of my name by
this company was without my knowl-
edge or consent. Yours respectfully,

CHARLES BRENT.

I may state that I am personally
acquainted with E. T. LeClair, presi-
dent; F. C. Barrows, vice-president,
and C. G. Neilson, treasurer, of the
Ash Rapids Gold Mining Company.
These gentlemen were all directors of
the old Boulder Mining company and
have always been regarded by me as
gentlemen of the highest standing and
reputation for honesty. You may
judge of my astonishment at finding
them connected with a company
which was issuing a prospectus that is
full of the grossest misrepresentation.
I have absolutely no animus against
the Ash Rapids company as individ-
uals and I think that when the gen-
tlemen I have named are made aware
of the true status of affairs they will re-
move their names from the directorate
of the company, as I am convinced
that they have been deluded by some
one into the belief that they have prop-
erties of extraordinary promise.

I am a mining engineer of many
years' experience in the gold fields of
Western Ontario, as well as in other
parts of the world, and I cannot afford

to own either agency and discussed the
matters which were to be brought be-
fore the government of the province.

Next morning we met Mr. Connes by
appointment; he was most zealous in
arranging interviews for us with dif-
ferent members of the cabinet, accom-
panied us in all our interviews, and as-
sisted us in every way he could. We
first interviewed the Hon. Mr. Latch-
ford, minister of public works, and
discussed very fully with him the
question of storage dams and the
building of an iron bridge where the
present floating bridge is. As we
found that an appropriation of \$1,000
had been made for roads, we had de-
cided not to take up that matter, but
to devote ourselves more to securing
of ore on the dump and all that is need-
ed to make this property an immediate
producer is a stamp mill. This mill
will be only a starter. We have
enough ore in sight to keep 1,000
stamps busy continuously for the next
hundred years.

I shall dismiss the Boulder mine by
positively stating that there is no ore
in the mine worth mentioning and less
on the dump. The Boulder may some
day be a "great mine." I say at present
a hole in the ground, but nothing
more.

The second of these "great mines" is
the "Ash Rapids," of which the pros-
pectus makes no say. The vein, con-
tact and formation are identical in
every respect with the famous Mikado
and in fact the vein may be easily
traced in a continuous line from the
Mikado to the Ash Rapids.

I refer you to my letter to LeClair
as to this alleged statement. I have
never seen the Ash Rapids claim, but
I know know it to be absolutely unde-
veloped prospect situated over six miles
at right angles to the line of strike of
the Mikado vein, and the absurdity of
claiming the Ash Rapids vein as an ex-
tension of the Mikado will be there-
fore apparent to all.

The third and last "great mine" is an
absolutely undeveloped but promising
prospect situated in Sturgeon Lake.
There has not been a tap of work done
since its purchase by the Ash Rapids
Company, and it evidently is not yet
to be classed as a "great mine."

I wish to state in conclusion that I
think that Western Ontario is destined
to be in the near future the greatest
gold-producing district on the contin-
ent. The gold resources of our coun-
try need no exaggeration, we have a
rapidly increasing list of producing
mines and promising prospects are to
be found everywhere throughout the
district. We need capital for develop-
ment and we believe that we have
many properties that will prove high-
ly profitable, but when such enterprises
as the Ash Rapids Co. flourish, they
deprive all legitimate ventures of the
support they are entitled to receive.

CHARLES BRENT.
100 Milwaukee avenue, Detroit, March
25, 1901.

Mrs. J. A. Martin arrived home from
British Columbia on Sunday.
Capt. Toomey and his fishing crew
of the Sandusky Fish Co. left for the
mouth of the river on Sunday.

A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER

DR.
PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING
POWDER

Highest Honors, World's Fair
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair
Avoid Baking Powders containing
arsenic. They are injurious to health.

Ret. Portage, Oct. 1st, 1900

few scattered islands, the population of which will scarcely total four figures. There is therefore no more land to sell, little to give away and not a foot to fight over. Spanish dominion abroad has ceased to be. At home it is even now threatened by intestine war.

Perhaps the punishment of greed, cruelty and falsehood is deserved. History has no more striking example of injustice from such a combination. But there is romance connected with the dominion of Spain that gives a mournful aspect to the passing of its flag from the islands of the seas. America is rich in legends and traditions of the first conquerors: the old world has found recollections of the palm days of the haughty don and his followers. There attaches to the crumbling nation the same sentiment that is excited by a crumbling ruin of man's habitation. One forgets the cruelty and greed of the Spaniard in the contemplation of his former grandeur. And the wreck of the once proud nation should warn the climbers in our own country that perpetuation of a people is achieved by honesty with other peoples, by morality at home and abroad. —Spokane Spokesman.

A Strange Coincidence.

Brantford, March 31. Three sudden deaths have been recorded in this city within a few hours. William Tristram, a night watchman at the Watrous engine works, dropped dead of heart disease. Isaac Shown, a boot-maker, of West Brantford, got up early and split some wood. Then he sat down on the sofa and called to his wife for a handkerchief. In about five minutes she returned and found him dead as a result of heart disease. Miss Durban, another resident of the city, was chatting to the family doctor, who had been called in to attend her sick sister, when she suddenly dropped lifeless.

JOUBERT WAS POISONED.

Vienna, March 20. —Some very interesting information was given at a lecture on the South African war, which was delivered in Vienna, by a former Austrian hussar officer, one Anton von Goldgege, who belongs to a well-known Salzburg family. He went with his sister to the Transvaal at the beginning of the war as a volunteer in the Boer army, and his sister acted as directress of the Boer field hospital. Herr Goldgege, during the last stage of the conflict, was appointed commandant of all the foreigners in the Boer army. He declared positively that General Joubert was poisoned, and said if his death had occurred some months before it would have made a great difference, as Joubert's patriarchal system of warfare did great mischief to the Boer cause.

Newcastle, Pa., has refused Carnegie's gift of \$50,000 for a library. This is a peculiar exhibit of human nature but probably Newcastle figures it is not getting something for nothing when a guarantee 10 per cent yearly for maintenance is required.

had been asleep very long when I was awakened by a sort of feeling that there was somebody in the room. I groped under the pillow for my gun, turning over as I did so, and there in the doorway stood Lee Wells. The feathered shafts of six arrows were sticking from his breast, and his face in the moonlight looked drawn and ghastly. There was a smile of satisfaction on his face, though, as he said quietly:

"Well, they got me, Bob, but they didn't get the horses."

"I was out of bed in an instant. The minute my feet touched the floor Lee vanished. The door was shut and looked just as I left it when I went to bed. Pondering over the realistic 'dream,' or whatever it was, I turned in again, but it was a long time before I got to sleep again."

"A second time I was awakened by the same vision. There stood Lee in the doorway, and again he pointed to the arrow shafts and said:

"They got me, Bob, but they didn't get the horses."

"No more sleep for me that night. I looked around the 'dobe,' thinking perhaps Lee was playing me a trick. The horses were all right, and there were no signs of anybody having been around. I sat up and smoked and thought a while not until daybreak; then I mounted and set off for the half way mark. Lee wasn't there, and there was no sign of his coming, so I rode on to his 'dobe.'"

"There, at the gate of the corral, was Lee's body, with six arrows in his chest, just as I had seen them in the vision. Inside the corral lay the bodies of his horses, all killed with bullets."

"It was plain to me that, seeing the Indians coming, Lee had deliberately killed the horses before turning his attention to the thieves. Judging from the hoof prints, there must have been about 20 Indians in the bunch. Lee must have damaged them some before he fell, judging from the cartridge shells lying around. They took his Winchester, of course, and looted the 'dobe.' They didn't get much for their trouble, though."

"But what I want to know is was that a dream or did Lee Wells really appear before me in some sort of form?"

His hearers could not explain.

Good For Preserves.

Last spring a feminine botanist blossom laden came upon a masculine naturalist who was just in the act of cramming a wriggling something into a tomato can in which something else was wriggled.

"To preserve them," he said, feeling that an explanation was in order.

"Do they make good preserves?" asked the sister scientist. —Youth's Companion.

They Couldn't Hurt.

"The ladies in our congregation are pretty fond of me," said the minister's mischievous little boy. "Nearly all of them gave me some slippers on his birthday."

"I thought your pa always uses a slipper to spank you with."

"So he does, but these he just got are the soft kind that's all made out of wool."

A man who is much afraid of drafts has a feather suspended from the ceiling by a light silk thread. Should the feather move in the slightest degree he doesn't rest content until he finds out where the draft comes from.

In analyzing his conduct he said that Brown's reply that he did not have a quarter was apparently the only part of the transaction that made any impression upon him. But he is under suspicion in that office and will probably never be able to live it down.

HOW ZULU WOMEN SEW.

They Use Skewers For Needles and Giraffe Sinews For Threads.

The skill of the Zulus of South Africa in sewing for is a household word in South Africa, and some of the other tribes compete with them. The needle employed is widely different from that used by the ordinary needlewomen. In the first place, it has no eye; in the second, it is like a skewer, pointed at one end and thick at the other.

The thread is not of cotton, but is made of the sinews of various animals, the best being made from the sinews in the neck of a giraffe. It is stiff, inelastic, with a great tendency to "kink" and tangle itself up with anything near it. Before being used it is steeped in hot water until it is quite soft and is then beaten between two smooth stones, which causes it to separate into filaments, which can thus be obtained of any length and thickness. Thus the seamstress has a considerable amount of labor before she commences with the real work in hand.

Finally she squats on the ground (for no native stands to work or do anything else who can possibly help in and taking her needle, borrows two holes in the edges of the rug or garment on which she is working. The thread is then pushed through with the butt of the needle, drawn tight, and two more holes are made with a like result, the skewer progressing very slowly, but fast enough for a country where time is of no value whatever.

The skin upon which the seamstress is working is damped with water before she commences, and as the damp thread and hide dry out they bring the work very closely together.

His Sympathy.

An old housewife in the country was benumbing her poverty to an unsympathetic husband.

"Things ain't as they used to be," she complained. "Why, I ain't got anything like I used to be. I ain't got quilts enough to go round the beds, there's two of the best chairs broken, an I ain't got no dress that's really fit to go to meetin, an if I was to die to night I wouldn't lay a cap to be buried in."

The old man had stood the whining as long as he could.

"Elast it all, then," he fiercely ejaculated, "why didn't yer die when yer did hev a cap?"

Fire and Mosquitoes.

Italian peasants living in swampy regions still follow the old custom of lighting fires for the purpose of purifying the air of malarial poison. As a matter of fact this is the worst thing they could do, as the fire attracts mosquitoes, which are now known to be transmitters of malarial fever.

At Peckforton, Cheshire, England, is to be seen a very queer beehive. It is in the shape of a castle on an elephant's back and is carved in stone.

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MAGIC AMULETS.

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It is the desire of every Chinaman's heart to possess a pair of magic bracelets. Arm rings or bracelets are thought a great deal of in the Celestial empire, the custom of wearing them having been handed down from time immemorial. Usually made of jade stone, the Chinese arm ring of today is of one lustrable shape. It looks like a large martingale.

The Chinese word for jade is zookosen and for jade arm ring or bracelet glock-ak. The custom in China is to place the bracelet on a young man's arm just before the hand steps grow large. A light fit is usually secured, and once placed the amulet arm ring is worn throughout life. At death, if the bracelet has proved a lucky one and if there is a son whom it will fit, the bones in the old man's hand are broken and the bracelet removed.

Many are the marvelous tales told by the Chinese of the wonderful qualities these amulets possess. There is a tradition, that a certain Chinese emperor who was stricken with paralysis wore upon his forearm a magic bracelet, which kept life in that member for many months and allowed him to make known his desires and decrees by writing. At last, when death claimed the emperor, something even more wonderful took place. Dead three days and lying in state, his body was being viewed by the priests. The advisability of removing the bracelet was being considered, when the hand was lifted up and gave a sign, which they interpreted to mean the bracelet should go with its owner to the tomb.

Among other wonderful properties a good amulet is said to act as a fairly reliable barometer.

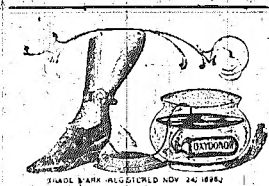
Sulphur Disinfection.

To disinfect a room with sulphur after washing all the surfaces in the room the floors, walls and ceilings, being in a wash tub containing a few inches of water and several bricks, place the sulphur in an iron kettle and place it on the bricks. Pour one pint of alcohol over the sulphur and set it on fire. Every crevice about the windows and doors should be stuffed with rags, the room tightly closed and left for a day and night. About five ounces of sulphur should be used for every hundred cubic feet. After the 24 hours have elapsed the floors and woodwork should be washed with a solution of carbolic acid and then with soap and water.

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Great attention is now paid to aerial navigation. Travel is to be accomplished not upon, but above the earth's surface. Instead of through field and forest, by river and rill, over hill and plain, the traveller will move among the clouds, and breathe the thin air of the higher altitudes. That illustrates the religious aspirations of many. They want to live up high, away from the earth, its callings, its associations, its humble duties, and petty exactings. A religion of the clouds is not good. Religion is heavenly in the sense that it has its beginnings from God, but its spirit is divine, that its object is Jehovah. But it is earthly in the sense that it has its application to all the thoughts and occupations of our humble life. The strength of Greece's famed wrestler Antaeus lay in contact with the earth. So long as his feet touched the ground he was invincible. Hercules discovered this secret and lifting the giant clear of earth he crushed him in the air. Our religion must touch the earth to be strong. It is only then invincible. The teaching of Christ is that all things in life must be hallowed to being done in the spirit of devotion. God; and this particular word of H invites us to consider the importance of faithfulness in little things. To be in the full-st degree followers of Jesus, we must let our religion come down to the earth, touch it everywhere, in low small duties as well as in our great enterprises. Study then the importance of little things.

1. We see this in the structure of the world. Attention has been drawn to the fact that during the last century man has been looking at God's world through the microscope. He has devoted himself to the study of particles and the smallest forms of life. In this way we have learned that God has bestowed infinite care upon the details of His creation. The smallest part of the universe is as perfect a work as any splendid orb of heaven. The grain of sand exhibits in its symmetry and beauty both design and elaboration. "Earth's every atom has been slowly polished by an infinite artisan and architect." The perfection of these greatest monuments of creation is secured by perfection of detail. And so in the realm of life. The minutest insect has its special form as clearly defined and its delicate organism constructed as perfectly as the highest form of being. The microscopist says, "What wonders are here! wonders that show God's infinite care concentrated on little things."

and sieges, have ruined nations, but small vices. These have silently intruded themselves like sappers laying mines under a city, and their steady, stealthy influence has been rewarded by disaster. Storms and flood sweep over the fields, drought parches the land, and man is robbed of home and bread. But these cause him less trouble than the worm in the forest, the insect upon the vine and the rough spot upon the potato. In seventeen years France lost \$250,000,000 through the depredations of the minute form of life that preyed upon the silk worm and the vine. Disease has been represented as a grim spectre great in stature stalking through the land and leaving the people low. We know now that man's physical enemy is the germ, the microbe, the bacillus, undetected by naked eye, which floats in the atmosphere, lurks in the water we drink or rises a baleful influence from the ground upon which we tread. Holland's dikes have been cut through by man, but the little crayfish has been equal in power of devastation for a low land. Great is the power of little things and feeble instrumentality in the direction of decline and loss.

4. Happiness and misery are determined by trivial events. Many are accustomed to believe that wealth, wisdom, luxury, fame, and worldly greatness are the dispensers of happiness, and being deprived of them we are doomed to sorrow and repining. Lady Jane Grey wrote with point of diamond upon her palace window these touching words, "My prison. I know of Hebrew story gained promotion to the highest station, but had a thorn in the flesh that for which all else could not compensate me. I study disregard of the humble. I was attending at the King's gate. A speck of dust in the eye will cause acute pain. Some trifling event took power to rob us of our happiness while little acts of courtesy and kindness give us joy. Thinking it over carefully we shall conclude that to an extraordinary degree our happiness is its source in these common things, pure aims, true friendships, daily work, simple recreations, and good health; and our unhappiness arises from their absence."

5. The great reform and philanthropic movements declare the potency of simple deeds. Mission enterprises general and particular, the temperance cause, our leading charities, eagles of mercy and red cross, the abolition of slavery, all began with the humble endeavors of true-hearted, brave men and women. Time has made these causes great and their promoters famous.

6. And last of all we consider the work and the teachings of Jesus. The incidents of His life are mainly humble, and unpretending. His life is best described in this "that he went about CONTINUALLY DOING GOOD." His was a great life because great in faithfulness to small duties. By His words he has immortalized such deeds as the giving of a cup of cold water, beautifying at the feast in the garden, and the feet in the street, and the

HIS START IN LIFE.

IT WAS A GOOD ONE AND WAS TRUST
ON HIM BY ACCIDENT.

The Incident Wouldn't Have Happened if a Short-sighted Real Estate Auctioneer Had Not Forgotten His Eyeglasses.

"I owe my start in life to the fact that an estimable old gentleman forgot to put his eyeglasses in his pocket one morning," said a prosperous business man from a sister city. "It's rather a curious story," he went on, "and I'll tell it as briefly as possible. A good many years ago, when I was a young fellow of 25 or thereabouts, I drifted into Louisville in search of a job that didn't materialize, and the upshot of it was that I found myself practically broke in a strange city. Up to that time I had always worked for small wages and had never succeeded in accumulating as much as \$50, but I had an abiding faith that if I could once get hold of a modest stake I could launch out for myself and make some money."

"One morning, when I was wandering about with only two or three silver dollars in my pocket, looking for a chance to go to work at anything that might offer, I dropped into a big down stairs room where some real estate was being sold at auction. A large crowd was present, and there was an indescribable feeling of tension in the air that seemed to me something unusual was about to happen."

"While I was standing there, only vaguely interested, the auctioneer, who was quite an elderly gentleman, put up a piece of improved city property, and after a considerable pause, received a bid of \$200. I could see that the smallness of the amount excited surprise, and I was also aware of a commotion in one corner where half a dozen nervous bidders were gathered together in an excited group. They seemed to be quarreling about something, and meanwhile the auctioneer was indignantly appealing for a respectable offer."

"Make it \$2,500," he shouted. "Does any gentleman bid \$2,500?" He looked directly at me, and I made a gesture of denial. "Thank you!" he exclaimed, greatly to my surprise. "The gentleman over there bids \$2,500, and, if I can help it, no combination of buyers is going to be allowed to dictate prices at this sale." With that he suddenly knocked down the property to me.

"No sooner was this done," continued the story teller, "than a great uproar of protests arose from the group in the corner. They insisted that they had been given no chance to bid, but the auctioneer stood firm and, calling me to the platform, requested my name and address and a 20 per cent cash deposit on the \$2,500."

"By that time I realized, of course, that some extraordinary chance had thrown a fine piece of property into my hands at a fraction of its real value, and I did some quick thinking. 'I've sent a messenger for the money,' I said as coolly as I could, and I'll have it here in 15 minutes."

"The auctioneer looked at the clock. 'All right,' he replied, 'I'll give you that limit.' "Then I took a desperate chance. I pushed through the crowd, which was already interested in the next sale, and beckoned to a little fat man who was

Fixing the Blame.

The young man had returned from his wedding trip and was again at his desk in the office.

It was the day after his return that the junior partner called him to his desk and said:

"Now that you're married, Mr. Quills, I trust you will be considerate in your treatment of me."

"I owe you quite understand you, sir," exclaimed the young man in surprise. "Oh, it's a little early, I know," admitted the junior partner, "but there's nothing like taking time by the forelock. I suppose you haven't been out late at night yet."

"Certainly not, sir."

"And it's none of my business if you have. But when you do stay out some night be considerate. Remember that I have a reputation for fairness and humane treatment of everybody in this office that I would like to retain. Don't tell your wife that you're sorry you're late, but that that slay driver at the office piled work upon you to such an extent that you had to work right into the night. Don't tell her that the tyrant you work under gave you 18. 00 for dinner and told you that you would have to post all the books in the office before leaving for the night. Just invent some other excuse, you know."

The young man thought the matter over for a minute or two, and then asked anxiously:

"Well, if I should be late what shall I say?"

"Oh, put it on the senior partner, as I do. He can stand it."—London Antiquers.

Australia the Poor Man's Paradise.

The cheapness of living in Australia is proverbial. It is a veritable poor man's paradise. In the butcher's shops you see twopenny and fourpenny tickets on the meat, and provisions of local production are equally inexpensive. In the eating houses or coffee shops—a great feature of town life there—you can get a square meal, consisting of a steak or chop, bread and butter and tea, for sixpence. There are no tips for waiters in the antipodes. The colonials are enormous tea drinkers and on an average partake of the cheering herb several times a day. Boarding houses—another "provisional" feature—are rendered almost essential in a land where the domestic servants command a wage of £1 a week, with every evening out and leave to practice the piano and keep a bicycle—Newcastle (England) Chronicle.

Grossing Displays.

"Apropos of funerals," writes a London correspondent of the Boston Transcript, "I noticed in Holborn a showcase full of strange looking pictures. Upon inspection they proved to be photographs of cadavers laid out in full mortuary splendor! Underneath ran the legend: 'Economy in funerals. Try our 3 guinea respectable interment. One trial only asked.'"

"Scarcely less gruesome was the display of Mr. Smith, surgeon dentist, a few doors beyond. A small showcase enclosed a complacent skull, grinning perhaps to think his dental trials were over, set with an imposing array of pink gummed artificial teeth, at 15 shillings the set. Over the top of the case were painted these alluring words: 'Discolored and decayed teeth made white and stopped.'"

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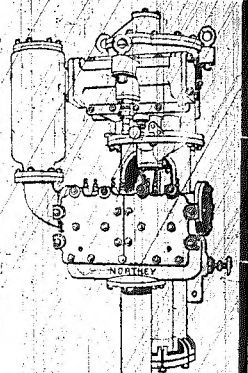
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Providence has the same truth to report as creation. God's care extends to little things. He clothes the grass which today is laid tomorrow is cast into the oven. All life is dear to Him and He makes provision for its sustenance. "The grass on a process of growth in every tree, and flower and living thing. He feeds the grass with dew and lilies, and the flocks of His little insect family."

2. All progress in the study of life is made by small and steady advance. The most recent discovery in electricity, which promises wonders, prophesying that we may converse with a friend at a distance of 10,000 miles as easily as when sitting side by side, seems trivial in itself. It is a small coil of wire to be attached to the cable in certain intervals of distance. Civilization has followed its advance by the accumulation of a time of convenience, but to-day now seem very commonplace indeed, the chair, the lamp, a piece of cutlery, a dish, the pen, and so on through an infinite detail of petty things.

Shrewdness in business, and the amazing fortune, the best authorities tell us, has not been attained by leaps and bounds, but by speculation, and accident, but by thrift and frugality; and, third, is the science of turning small and despicable things into coin. Great generalship has won renown only by patient and untiring devotion to detail. The heroes in which the soldier triumphed in the blanket in which he slept, and the food which he ate, have been the leaders' most efficient aids. Deserving battles have been the culmination of comprehensive and well-laid plans, minute preparations, perfectly ordered and precisely timed movement.

And education is obtained only through steady drudgery. There must be no skipping. It will not do to pass over a single letter of the alphabet in the study of a language. All its inflections and accents, trills, though they seem must be mastered. Step by step the heights of intellectual attainment are scaled.

3. All decline and loss emphasizes the importance of little things. Not wars and revolutions, not cannons

5. The great reform and philanthropic movements declare the pity of simple deeds. Mission enterprises general and particular, the temperance cause, our leading charities, eagles of money and red cross, the abolition of slavery, all begin with the humble endeavors of true-hearted, brave men and women. Time has made these causes great and their promoters famous.

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Nine Boils On Neck.

Anyone who has ever been troubled with boils can sympathize with poor old Job. There was no Burdock Blood Bitters in those days, so Job had to suffer in silence. Now, a-days no one need endure the misery of boils.

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Miss Lydia Moody, Ruscom, Essex Co., Ont., sends the following statement of her case: "Some time ago my blood got so out of order that many boils appeared on my body and prevented me having any rest. I had nine on my neck at different times, and quite a number of small ones came on my shoulders and arms."

"Our next-door neighbor, seeing the condition I was in, told me to take B.B.B. for my blood, and I did so."

"After I had finished the first bottle I found that some of the boils had disappeared and all the rest were getting much smaller. I then got two more bottles, and by the time I had these nearly all gone there was not a boil to be seen. Besides this, a headache, from which I suffered greatly, left me, and I improved so much in health that I am now a strong, robust girl."

ing to be allowed to dictate prices at this sale."

"No sooner was this done," continued the story teller, "than a great uproar of protests arose from the group in the corner. They insisted that they had been given no chance to bid, but the auctioneer stood firm and, calling me to the platform, requested my name and address and a 20 per cent cash deposit on the \$2,500."

"By that time I realized, of course, that some extraordinary chance had thrown a line piece of property into my hands at a fraction of its real value, and I did some quick thinking. 'I've sent a messenger for the money,' I said as coolly as I could, and I'll have it here in 15 minutes."

"The auctioneer looked at the clock. 'All right,' he replied. 'I'll give you that limit.'"

"Then I took a desperate chance. I pushed through the crowd, which was already interested in the next sale, and beckoned to a little fat man who had been one of the loveliest kickers a few moments before."

"Look here," I said, drawing him aside. "Do you want to be my silent partner for an hour or so?"

"What do you mean?" said he.

"I gave him the truth in a dozen words. 'Now let me have that \$250 deposit money,' I added, 'and we'll share the profits, whatever they are.'"

"The little man looked at me shrewdly. 'This is a big joke on all of us,' he said, grinning, and I guess I'll risk the deal."

"At the same time he counted out \$500 and put it in my hands. I raced back to the desk with the cash, clucked the sale and before noon had the deed in my possession. Then, to make a long story short, my silent partner offered me \$1,000 cash for my interest, and as \$1,000 looked about as big as a mountain at that stage of the game I promptly accepted. That thousand, fortunately placed, gave me the start that has kept me going ever since."

"But what about the eye-glasses, did you say? Why, the auctioneer, as I afterward learned, was very near-sighted, and on the morning to which I refer he had forgotten his glasses. That was why he mistook my gesture of disavowal for a sign of assent and forced me, in spite of myself, into a good thing. I never understood the exact true inwardness of the deal, but the facts in the rough were that a clique of speculators had formed a combine to keep down prices, but, owing to some misunderstanding, failed to bid promptly on the property which I secured. The auctioneer was on to the game and anxious to break it up; hence his precipitancy in knocking down the lot to yours truly. I heard, later on, that my poorly silent partner made \$8,000 out of the transaction, but I didn't begrudge him the money. The \$500 he gave me on faith that morning was worth fully 10 per cent a minute."

Joint Advertiser.

"But suppose," one of the spectators said, "the parachute should fail to open after you have detached it from the balloon—what then?"

"That wouldn't stop me," answered the daring aeronaut. "I'd come right on down."—Chicago Tribune.

In the center of the plaza in Lima is a pretty bronze fountain from which was erected in 1578, a gift from some noble Spaniard, and is probably the oldest fountain in America.

Greivousome Displays.

"Approps of funerals," writes a London correspondent of the Boston Transcript, "I noticed in Holborn a showcase full of strange looking pictures. Upon inspection they proved to be photographs of cadavers laid out in full mortuary splendor. Underneath ran the legend: 'Economy in funerals. Try our 3 guinea respectable interment. One trial only asked.'"

"Scarcely less greivousome was the display of Mr. Smith, surgeon dentist, a few doors beyond. A small showcase included a complacent skull, grinning perhaps to think his dental trials were over, set with an imposing array of pink gummed artificial teeth, at 15 shillings the set. Over the top of the case were painted these alluring words: 'Discolored and decayed teeth made white and stopped.'"

Wearing Out the Brain.

A French scientist has determined that the military and naval professions most quickly wear out the brain. Out of 100,000 naval and military men 100 are confirmed idiots. Next come the liberal professions, artists heading the list, followed closely by lawyers and, more distantly, by doctors, clergy, literary men and civil servants. The number of those who go mad is 177 to each 100,000. Domestic servants and very clerics, sending 155 out of each 100,000 to the asylum. These are followed at a long distance by mechanics, only 66 of whom go mad in each 100,000. And the group which is most favorable to sanity is, contrary to general belief, that of commercial men, which sends only 42 out of 100,000 to the asylum.

Wanted a Collar.

It was told of Daniel Webster that when he asked at a Boston haberdashery's one day for a collar of "ducky," the clerk took a critical look at his customer's neck, and then said: "We haven't got your size. You'll have to go to the next store around the corner for it." That was a harness maker's who made a special "horse collars."

Protruding, Itching Piles

Rev. S. A. Duprau, Methodist Minister, Kingston, Prince Edward County, Ontario, states: "I was troubled with itching and bleeding piles for years, and they ultimately attained to a very objectionable form. Large lumps or abscesses formed, so that it was with great difficulty and considerable pain that I was able to stool. At this severe crisis I purchased a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment. But I had little or no faith in it, as I had tried various remedies before and to no purpose."

"Now, imagine how great and joyous was my surprise to find that just the one box cured me, so that the lumps disappeared, and also the external swelling. I feel like a different man to-day, and have not the least doubt that Dr. Chase's Ointment saved me from a very dangerous and painful operation and many years of suffering. You are at perfect liberty to use this testimonial as you see fit for the benefit of others similarly afflicted."

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NOTICE.

THE Canadian Northern Railway Company will apply to have added to its Bill before the Parliament of Canada at its present session, the necessary provisions concerning a contract dated 11th February, 1901, made between the Company and the Government of Manitoba, relating to the lease of certain railways in Manitoba now being operated by the Northern Pacific Railway Company and providing for the carrying out of such contract and relating to the guarantee by the said Government of certain bonds of the Company, and to other matters and providing for the acquisition of said railways for the consideration in said lease mentioned. Dated March 7th, 1901. J. M. SMITH, Secretary.

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Local Interest

Jacob Rose has an *Exhibit* Second-hand Steel Range for sale cheap. It is in good repair. -233

The trial of Donald Todd for murder has opened at the Winnipeg assizes. Several witnesses were examined for the crown.

Two men arrested at Grand Forks, N. D., confessed to murdering Able Anderson in a box car at Merrifield, North Dakota.

Wm. Rowley, Jno. Matheson and Albert McLeod of the Mikado arrived in town Sunday.

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still retain the Times, which will be placed under the management of Mr. Laurie.

Capt. H. Cam left to visit his parents in Escanaba, Mich. on Monday's express.

Agus Robertson of Vermilion Bay is in town.

McCullough's camp crew arrived in town on Sunday morning.

W. Potts, of Wabigoon, is in town.

F. Johnson, the genial boniface of Wabigoon, is in town.

Mrs. D. McKenzie, of Beaudro's Landing, is visiting her parents at the Central.

Mr. Sangster, barrister of Wabigoon, is in town.

The Bank of Ottawa has bought \$250,000 of city of Ottawa debentures at 90. The debentures are for 25 and 30 years.

Capt. W. P. Johnson, of the Pioneer Navigation Co., Wabigoon, is in town.

Mrs. A. C. Tynan, of Gold Rock, is registered at the Central.

Chas. T. Partington has accepted a position in the Hudson's Bay here. He is in charge of the grocery department.

The Villiers Lecture.

A fairly good audience greeted Frederick Villiers at the Hilliard Opera House Saturday night. The noted war correspondent and artist reviewed the incidents and stirring chapters of the South African war in a graphic manner. His training as a correspondent enables him to bring out the most interesting parts of the campaign and to strike the responsive chord in his audience. His hearers were enabled from his description and the splendid views to get a most accurate account of the campaign and a more accurate knowledge than they have been able to obtain in eighteen months reading of dispatches.

LONG TRIP ON SNOWSHOES.

Bishop of Mooseonee Travels 900 Miles From Hudson Bay's Northern Post.

Ottawa, March 29.—The Bishop of Mooseonee, who arrived in the city yesterday, made a tramp of nearly 900 miles on snowshoes. His Lordship left Moose Factory, one of the Hudson Bay Company's most northern posts, and traveled southward, reaching civilization at the village of Mattawa. There he was met by Col. Rankin, the well-known factor of the company, and an old friend of his, who accompanied him to this city. The bishop will visit Montreal and other points before returning to his distant diocese. Toronto Star.

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tion that would enable us to form any opinion as to when any pulp mill industry would be started here.

We also had an interview with the Hon. Mr. Ross, premier, going over with him all the matters of interest to the district.

In Ottawa we were met by our member, Mr. Dymont, who arranged interviews for us with several of the members of the cabinet. In regard to the improvements—locks and dams—on Rainy river, Mr. Tarte informed us that plans of, and estimates of the cost of such work, had been prepared. That he had inserted in his estimate the sum of \$50,000, towards the work, but that it had been struck out by his colleagues. He gave us every assurance that he recognized the necessity for the work, and was in favor of its being carried out. As an outcome of our interview our delegates addressed a communication to Mr. Tarte upon the subject, a copy of this is attached to this report.

In view of what Mr. Tarte told us, we called upon Mr. Sifton and other ministers, and impressed upon them the absolute necessity of this work being gone on with, and of their giving their support to the minister of public works in the matter.

We got definite promises from the minister of customs, and the minister of marine and fisheries, that this place would be made a port of entry and a port of registry.

In regard to the lock and dam on Rainy river, and other matters brought before both the governments at Ottawa and Toronto, your delegates are strongly of opinion that it is only a question of keeping these matters constantly before the various ministers; to get the required improvements carried out. If matters at this end are allowed to rest, and constant pressure not kept up, they will also drag along at the other end, and valuable time lost in getting such necessary improvements carried.

Your delegates also discussed with Mr. Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R. company, various matters of interest to our town and district. Your delegates were well received by him and he appeared to take considerable interest in the progress and development of the town and district.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

D. C. CAMERON,
GEO. A. GRAHAM,
GEO. DREWRY,
JNO. DEAN,
W. A. WEIR.

The presidents and gentlemen of the Board:

In looking back over the proceedings of this board and of your council since the date of the last annual meeting, we find that a great many ques-

nel and navigation greatly facilitated at an expenditure of \$5,000 granted for the purpose.

As a means to procure improved conditions throughout the channels of the Lake of the Woods and Rainy river and to assure sufficient volume of water each year to float logs from the timber berths of the district to deep water, your council took up with the department of public works at Ottawa the question of erecting storage dams at desirable points. The matter was looked upon favorably by the department and a measure of relief provided.

In June of last year your board sent a delegation east to make personal representations to the authorities, respecting the different requirements herein noted. Their report will be found in the minutes of a subsequent meeting of the board. The report of your committee on waterways as per page 289 of letter book, was an important factor in negotiations respecting storage dams.

Correspondence was entered into by your council in October last, asking that Rat Portage be made a port of registry for shipping, particulars of which will be communicated by the delegates.

Your traffic committee have been in communication with the C. P. R., on the subject of encouraging summer travel to Rat Portage. There is every prospect that the negotiations will prove effective and satisfactory.

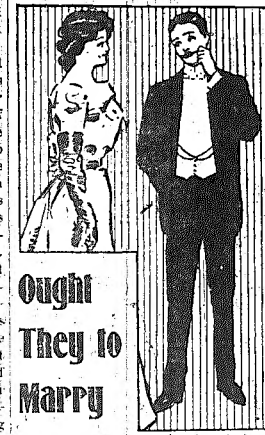
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Correspondence was entered into in December with the director of the Bureau of Mines at Toronto, respecting an ore exhibit from this district at the Pan-American exhibition, which will open at Buffalo in May. The director has assured us that a suitable exhibit will be made pursuant to further correspondence.

In connection of the establishment of a pulp mill at Rat Portage, correspondence was commenced in December with the commissioner of Crown Lands of Ontario. The delegates recently returned from the east, will be in a position to give all available particulars following upon this correspondence, as well as later communications on the subject of improvements to navigation.

The recommendation of your council that Messrs. D. C. Cameron, W. A. Weir, and Wm. Margach, members of the water-ways committee, be an advisory committee of the department respecting the handling of stop logs at the Kewadin Power Company's dam, has been acknowledged by the minister of public works at Toronto.

It will be seen by the foregoing that your board has accomplished some very useful work during the past twelve months and it may be easily realized that perseverance along these lines will mean the carrying out of many projects of public utility. It need not be stated that without the active endeavor of the business community and their loyal co-operation progress along beneficial lines cannot



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J. E. Wood has had the interior of his drug store very tastefully decorated.

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Hired by the Hour.
When Remenyi, the famous violinist, was a young man, he was engaged by a parvenu to play at a dinner, the agreement stating that he was to furnish music from 8 o'clock to 11. He began with an andante movement from Mozart, a composition which opens very low and soft.
The host turned to his guests. "That's just like those musicians," he said. "I hired him by the hour, and see how slow he plays."

Casting Metals.
As is well known, some metals are unsuitable for casting, while others, like iron, can readily be cast in any desired shape. The property of casting well is said to depend upon whether the metal contracts or expands on solidifying from the liquid form. Iron, like water, expands in solidifying, and hence the solid metal may be seen floating in the liquid iron about it. The expansion causes it to fill the die into which it is poured, and so it can be cast easily. Gold and silver contract in cooling and therefore are not suitable for casting.

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lost in getting such necessary improvements carried.
Your delegates also discussed with Mr. Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R. company, various matters of interest to our town and district. Your delegates were well received by him and he appeared to take considerable interest in the progress and development of the town and district.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. C. CAMERON,
Geo. A. GRAHAM,
Geo. DREWRY,
Jno. DEAN,
W. A. WEIR.

The presidents and gentlemen of the Board:

In looking back over the proceedings of this board and of your council since the date of the last annual meeting, we find that a great many questions and matters affecting the interests of Rat Portage and of this district, have been brought to the attention of the authorities during that time.

To make a complete statement concerning each question in all its bearings, it would take up a great deal too much of your time without gaining any corresponding advantage since the membership are already familiar with the bearings of the different actions taken by your council, with government departments and others who are in a position to influence public affairs.

We should therefore content ourselves with a synopsis of the several matters over which correspondence has taken place, leaving information more in detail to be given by the gentlemen of the board, who have been your delegates during the year. The first question of general business taken up at the first meeting of the year has reference to the contemplated removal of the C. P. R. telegraph office from the Main street location to the station.

On representation being made by your delegates, the C. P. R. reconsidered the matter and complied with the desire of the board, to retain the down town office.

The next question in order was one in which your council did not prove successful. It consists of a petition to the Dominion, the Ontario and Manitoba governments, calling upon them to make their subsidies to the Canadian Northern railway, conditional on the road being constructed throughout on Canadian territory.

Pursuant to the action taken previous to the last annual meeting, two additional light-houses were added to the service of the Lake of the Woods during the year.

Beginning in May last, your council renewed correspondence with the department of public works at Ottawa, respecting the improvement to the navigation of the Rainy river. Though not successful in procuring the construction of locks, so long prayed for, a very considerable improvement followed upon this correspondence, many boulders were removed from the chan-

nel in a position to give all available particulars following upon this correspondence, as well as later communications on the subject of improvements to navigation.
The recommendation of your council that Messrs. D. C. Cameron, W. A. Weir, and Wm. Margach, members of the water-ways committee, be an advisory committee of the department respecting the handling of stop logs at the Keewatin Power Company's dam, has been acknowledged by the minister of public works at Toronto.

It will be seen by the foregoing that your board has accomplished some very useful work during the past twelve months and it may be easily realized that perseverance along these lines will mean the carrying out of many projects of public utility. It need not be stated that without the active endeavor of the business community and their loyal co-operation progress along beneficial lines cannot be expected.

The board now have a large and influential membership, one that with judicious management, may be expected to procure constantly increasing facilities for general improvement.

F. A. CHAPMAN,
Secretary-Treasurer.
FRANK GARDNER,
President.

Explosion Slew His 40 Wives.
Paris, March 29.—In connection with the defeat of the native chief, Fodey Kabba, by a French expedition, at Mandina, West Africa, on Saturday last, it is announced that an explosion of the chief powder magazine killed his forty wives.

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The Company has controlled the carrying and passenger trade on Lakes Wabigoon and Manitou and all of the above boats, barges and plant were used in the business last season.

The undersigned calls for Sealed Tenders for all of the above mentioned property in two ways: First, on bid as a going concern. Secondly, for any portion or portions in piece.

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Dated at Rat Portage, this 11th day of March, 1901.

D. A. PENDER,
Accountant, Rat Portage, Ont., Receiver.

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NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE Lakeside Gold Mining Co. Of Rat Portage, Limited.

By Order of the Directors a special general meeting of the shareholders of this Company will be held at the head office of the Company at Rat Portage, Ontario, on Wednesday, the tenth day of April, A. D. 1901, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, for the following purposes:
1. To repeal by-laws numbers 6, 7, 8, 21, 22, 35 and 36 and all that portion of by-law number 19 specifying the notice required, the quorum required, the right of shareholders to vote, and the power to adjourn.
2. And also to enact the following by-law:

40. Notice of all meetings of the shareholders shall be given by registered letter mailed ten clear days previous to such meeting.

3. And to ratify and confirm, by by-law, the proceedings taken at the last two annual meetings of the Company.

Dated at Winnipeg, this twenty-second day of March, A. D. 1901.

H. S. CROTTY,
Secretary.
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